

Instructional Overview

Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures
By: Kate DiCamillo
Grade Level: 5 / Guided Reading Level: U

Book Club

Instructional Focus:
Cause and Effect

Background:
A key skill to fully understand stories, as well as nonfiction texts, is the ability to identify and understand causation. Adept readers competently recognize, analyze, and apply insight into cause and effect relationships. Understanding that there are consequences to actions is important both in understanding a storyline and in gaining insight into real-life situations. Students require explicit instruction, modeling, a variety of practice opportunities, and consistent support and feedback. Problem-solving analytical thinkers will develop as readers learn to decipher causes and effects.

Instructional Overview:

Meeting #1
Introduce Cause and Effect

Meeting #2
Cause and Effect Flow Chart

Meeting #3
One Cause, Many Effects

Meeting #4
Many Causes, One Effect

Meeting #5
Questions to Find the Causes

Meeting #6
Questions to Find the Effects

Meeting #7
Signal Words

Meeting #8
Sorting Signal Words

Meeting #9
Cause and Effect: The Big Picture

Meeting #10
Reflection

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Instructional Focus



Description of the
Instructional Focus



List of Book Club Meetings
and the Instructional Focus
for Each Meeting



List of Materials and Preparation



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Materials and Preparation:

- Determine which students will participate in the *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* Book Club (4-6 students)
- Gather copies of *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Book Club Calendar (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Expectations for Book Club (1 per student)
- Prepare copies of the Book Club Reading Response Board (1 per student)
- Prepare Reader's Notebooks (1 per student)
 - These may be spiral notebooks or several sheets of lined paper stapled together, or bound in a folder.
- Optional: Prepare Vocabulary Resources (1 set per student)
- Optional: Prepare Student Self-Evaluation Forms (1 per student per meeting)
- Optional: Prepare Assessment Resources (1 set per student)

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